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Applicants: T. HIROI et al

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For: Pattern Inspection Method And Apparatus

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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September 16, 2005

Commissioner For Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.